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NORTH SOUTH CORRIDOR
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of North-South Corridor project including Kerala;

(b) whether the work on Sengapalli to Cochin stretch of North-South Corridor project has been delayed;

(c) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure smooth progress of work on the project; and

(e) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Under North-South Corridor project, a length of 3699 km has been envisaged for upgradation to 4/6/8 lane. Out of this, 4/6/8 − laning of 1385 km have been completed. A length of 1724 km are under implementation and the balance 590 km are yet to be awarded.

(b) and (c) Partly, the work on Sengapalli to Cochin stretch i.e. Sengapalli to Walayar section in Tamilnadu and Walayar to Thrissur section in Kerala has been delayed due to delay in preparation of feasibility report and detailed project report by the Consultant.

(d) Regular monitoring is being done at various levels to expedite pre-construction activities such as land acquisition, utility shifting, environmental clearances, etc. so as to achieve smooth progress during construction.

(e) The work on Sengapalli to Walayar section in Tamilnadu and Walayar to Thrissur Section in Kerala is yet to be awarded. Work on Thrissur to Angamalli is targeted for completion by March, 2009 and 4-laning of Angamalli to Cochin is already completed.